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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Warren Christopher

SUBJECT:

Your Seattle Meeting with Chinese President
Jiang Zemin; November 19, 1:40-2:40 p.m.

1. SETTING

- o Your meeting with President Jiang -- the first bilateral one between U.S. and Chinese Presidents since February 1989 -- climaxes a period of intensive high-level dialogue following your approval in September of a comprehensive engagement strategy. I will meet with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian two days prior to your session with Jiang.
- o We have utilized recent visits by both sides (Secretary Espy, Assistant Secretaries Shattuck and Freeman, Vice Foreign Minister Liu), and will use the remaining days before Seattle to lay the basis for our meetings with the Chinese.
- o President Jiang will be seeking to establish personal rapport with you; to hear your reaffirmation that the U.S. national interest requires a strong, stable, prosperous and friendly China; to elicit our specific intentions and priorities; and to bring a message of friendship, perhaps accompanied by some gestures on our core concerns.
- o To establish a constructive atmosphere in advance of Seattle the Chinese recently have: announced a willingness to consider positively Red Cross prison visits; alluded to active consideration of at least one pending freedom of emigration case; welcomed further dialogue on human rights;

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indicated willingness to implement the prison labor Memorandum of Understanding; invited U.S. experts to look into four Vietnam-era MIA cases; reiterated willingness to join discussions among the five nuclear powers early in 1994 preparatory to Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty negotiations;

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- o Before Seattle, we will inform the Chinese of our decision to sell a Cray supercomputer for weather forecasting, while calling on them for more human rights progress. We will also reiterate to them our proposal for consultations aimed

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- o In sum, coming out of your meeting with Jiang in Seattle would be mutual confirmation of the importance of the bilateral relationship; a clear Chinese understanding of the need to resolve American concerns in the intensified dialogue; and a readiness by both sides to move forward.

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II. TOPICS

- o Reaffirm the long term strategic underpinnings of your policy of engagement.
- o Accentuate your desire for a constructive relationship with a strong, stable, prosperous and friendly China, drawing Jiang's attention to the high stakes.
- o State our readiness to raise the level of our bilateral cooperation through talks on security and non-proliferation, as we do with other major powers. Note that rather than exclude China, we wish to engage them in a cooperative dialogue.
- o Acknowledge recent Chinese gestures, including the modest step on Red Cross prison visits; note the steps we have taken; and indicate your hope that we can build momentum.
- o Underscore the urgent necessity of early visible progress on human rights, reiterating that MFN renewal hinges upon it and currently could not be renewed.
- o Stress that progress in our other core areas -- trade and non-proliferation -- while not linked to MFN renewal is nevertheless essential to build a strong U.S. consensus favoring the fundamental bilateral improvement both sides wish to achieve.

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